

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 203594

53

ORIGIN AF-18

INFO OCT-01 IO-15 ISO-00 NEA-10 CCO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00

USIE-00 INRE-00 USSS-00 ACDA-19 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07

H-03 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-03 RSC-01 PRS-01

SPC-03 SS-20 SCS-03 SCA-01 OPR-02 SY-10 PER-05 A-01

FBO-01 OC-06 NIC-01 DRC-01 /155 R

DRAFTED BY AF/E:EJSCHREIBER/LTW

APPROVED BY AF:CGROSS

AF/E:WBCOOTE

NEA: MR. ATHERTON

----- 097738

P R 131734Z OCT 73

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY KAMPALA PRIORITY

INFO USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 203594

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UG, US, PFOR

SUBJECT: USG-GOU RELATIONS

REF: STATE 202019

1. DEP ASST SECY ROSS CALLED IN UGANDAN CHARGE
MWANGAGUHUNGA OCT 12 AND STATED USG GRAVELY CONCERNED OVER
AMIN'S LATEST STATEMENTS AND THREAT TO AMERICANS IN UGANDA
IF AMERICANS SHOULD BECOME INVOLVED IN MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT.
SAID WE EXPECT GOU TO RESPECT DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY OF US
EMBASSY PERSONNEL AND TO ACCORD PROTECTION TO ALL OTHER
AMCITS IN COUNTRY. WITHOUT SUCH ASSURANCES FROM GOU, IT
WOULD BE DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN OUR DIPLO-
MATIC PRESENCE IN KAMPALA. ROSS ALSO SAID THAT IN ACCORD-
ANCE WITH OUR NORMAL PRACTICE AND OUR OBLIGATIONS TOWARDS
FOREIGN LEADERS VISITING THIS COUNTRY, INCLUDING THOSE
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 203594

COMING TO UN, WE SHALL AFFORD PROTECTION TO AMIN IF HE COMES

TO NEW YORK. SIMILARLY, WE EXPECT GOU TO PROVIDE PROTECTION TO AMCITS, BOTH OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE, WHILE IN UGANDA. ROSS ASKED THAT MWANGAGUHUNGA RAPIDLY CONVEY SUBSTANCE OF HIS DEMARCHE TO FON MIN AND PRES. AMIN.

2. MWANGAGUHUNGA RESPONDED THAT PRES. AMIN'S USE OF WORD -IF" MUST BE EMPHASIZED AS AMIN SAID HE WOULD IMPRISON ALL AMERICANS ONLY IF US BECAME INVOLVED IN MIDDLE EAST. OF COURSE, MWANGAGUHUNGA CONTINUED, HE DID NOT KNOW HOW AMIN WOULD INTERPRET "INVOLVED." FOR EXAMPLE, MWANGAGUHUNGA SAID

HE READ IN THE PAPER THAT US MAY HELP RE-ARM ISRAEL AND THAT AMERICAN PILOTS ARE RUMORED TO BE TRAVELING TO ISRAEL DISGUISED AS TOURISTS. HE SAID PRES. AMIN HAS MADE CLEAR THAT THE BIG POWERS SHOULD STAY OUT OF MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT, ESPECIALLY US. HE CONTRASTED THIS WITH UGANDA'S POSITION, AS GOU HAS "COMMITMENTS" TO THE OAU NON-ALIGNED GROUP AND THE ARAB NATIONS TO HELP THE ARABS. ROSS REPLIED THAT IN TIMES LIKE THIS, WHEN EMOTIONS RUN HIGH ON MIDDLE EAST, INNUMERABLE RUMORS ARE BANDIED ABOUT WHICH HAVE NO FOUNDATION IN FACT AND SOME OF WHICH ARE DELIBERATELY CIRCULATED BY THOSE HAVING ULTERIOR MOTIVES. WE HOPED GOU WOULD MAKE EFFORT ASCERTAIN TRUTH OF SUCH REPORTS BEFORE ACTING ON THEM. OUR INVOLVEMENT IN MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT IS AT UN, WHERE WE ARE DOING OUR BEST TO SEE THAT FIGHTING IS HALTED SOONEST. ROSS STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT CHARGE'S COMMENTS MISSED THE POINT. REGARDLESS OF HOW PRES. AMIN SAW SITUATION, IT WOULD BE FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY AND ACCEPTED INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE FOR HIM TO ORDER IMPRISONMENT OF OUR CITIZENS IN UGANDA. WE CONSIDER AMIN'S THREATS TO BE EXTREMELY SERIOUS MATTER. MWANGAGUHUNGA SAID HE WOULD FAITHFULLY REPORT ROSS'S REMARKS TO KAMPALA AT ONCE.

3. MWANGAGUHUNGA ALSO NOTED THAT UGANDAN EMBASSY'S PHONES HAVE BEEN RINGING CONTINUOUSLY AND SOME CALLS ARE OF THREATENING NATURE.

4. AF/E DIRECTOR LATER SAME AFTERNOON CALLED AMBASSADOR IBINGIRA IN NEW YORK AND DELIVERED SIMILAR DEMARCHE. CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 203594

IBINGIRA EXPRESSED REGRET FOR AMIN'S THREAT AND WAS GENERALLY APOLOGETIC ABOUT IT. HE SAID HE CALLED AMIN OCTOBER 11 AND LATTER SAID HE WOULD DEFINITELY BE COMING TO UNGA AND THAT ADVANCE PARTY PROBABLY LED BY ETIANG WOULD DEPART KAMPALA OCTOBER 15 AND ARRIVE NEW YORK FOLLOWING DAY. IBINGIRA, WHO HAD DESCRIBED "POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE" HERE TO AMIN, TOLD AF/E DIRECTOR, "BETWEEN YOU AND ME, I DON'T THINK ATMOSPHERE IS CONDUCIVE TO

HIS COMING BUT IT IS OF COURSE UP TO AMIN TO MAKE FINAL
DECISION." FYI, WE LEFT WITH DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT
IBINGIRA WILL RECOMMEND AGAINST AMIN VISIT TO ADVANCE
PARTY END FYI. IBINGIRA STATED HE WOULD PHONE AMIN AGAIN
OCT 13 AND INFORM HIM THAT GOU HAS OBLIGATION TO PROTECT
ALL AMCITS IN UGANDA AND IT IS ACCEPTED INTERNATIONAL
PRACTICE TO AFFORD SUCH PROTECTION IBINGIRA ALSO TOLD
AF/E DIRECTOR THAT HE WAS CONCERNED RE HIS OWN SECURITY
AND THAT OF UGANDAN MISSION, MENTIONING HE HAD ALREADY
SPOKEN TO AMB SCHAUFLE ABOUT TELEPHONE CALL HE HAD JUST
RECEIVED FROM MAN WHO SAID UGANDA MISSION WOULD BE
BOMBED (USUN 3904). KISSINGER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 13 OCT 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: collinp0
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973STATE203594
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: EJSCHREIBER/LTW
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS KEELEY
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731034/aaaaayrc.tel
Line Count: 127
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ORIGIN AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: STATE 202019
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: collinp0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 17 DEC 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <17-Dec-2001 by elbezejf>; APPROVED <22 FEB 2002 by collinp0>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: USG-GOU RELATIONS
TAGS: PFOR, UG, US
To: KAMPALA
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005